Application Deadline: April 14, 2017

2017
Sidley 1L Diversity Summer
Mentorship Program

Sidley Austin LLP’s Chicago, Dallas, Houston, Los Angeles, Palo Alto, San Francisco and Washington, D.C. offices invite current 1L students who identify as racially or ethnically diverse, LGBT and/or identify as having a disability who will be working in Chicago, Dallas, Houston, Los Angeles, Palo Alto, San Francisco or Washington, D.C. during the summer of 2017 to apply to participate in the Seventh Annual Sidley 1L Diversity Summer Mentorship Program. The program is a mentoring program that aims to promote diverse law students’ interest in joining Chicago, Dallas, Houston, Los Angeles, Palo Alto, San Francisco or Washington, D.C. law firms after graduation. The program is anticipated to run during June and July 2017. Through the program, students will be matched with Sidley lawyer-mentors to advise them on career development strategies and professional opportunities. Mentors will address subjects such as:

* Best practices for applying to Chicago, Dallas, Houston, Los Angeles, Palo Alto, San Francisco or Washington, D.C. law firms, interviewing, and capitalizing on the summer associate experience;
* Understanding the variety and nature of practice areas available in the Chicago, Dallas, Houston, Los Angeles, Palo Alto, San Francisco or Washington, D.C. legal markets;
* Advancing professional skills through pro bono service and clerkships; and
* Cultivating role models, mentors, and professional networks as a diverse lawyer.

During the program, students will meet with their mentors at formal and informal events, including a kick-off reception, afternoon coffee breaks, and brown bag lunches. Mentors will also regularly communicate with mentees. The program will provide a resume and interview workshop, as well as other opportunities to learn about the legal profession in Chicago, Dallas, Houston, Los Angeles, Palo Alto, San Francisco or Washington, D.C. The majority of formal program events will be scheduled after 5:30 p.m. to accommodate work schedules.

Application Instructions:

1. Download/print the application and instructions.
2. Complete the entire application.
3. Attach the following TWO documents:
* Résumé
* Unofficial law school transcript

Please check the box for the office to which you are applying:

[ ]  Chicago [ ]  Dallas [ ]  Houston

[ ]  Los Angeles [ ]  Palo Alto [ ]  San Francisco

[ ]  Washington, D.C.

**\*\*\*Applications that are not completed and received by Sidley at the address specified below by April 14, 2017 will not be considered.\*\*\***

If you are applying to the **Chicago** office, email all materials to:
Merisa Lima, Diversity Coordinator at 1LDiversityMentorship-Chicago@sidley.com

If you are applying to the **Dallas** office, email all materials to:
Robin Look, Legal Recruiting Manager at rlook@sidley.com

If you are applying to the **Houston** office, email all materials to:
Atman Shukla, Associate at ashukla@sidley.com

If you are applying to the **Los Angeles**, **Palo Alto** or **San Francisco** offices,email all materials to:
Jennifer Ganesh, West Coast Diversity Director at jganesh@sidley.com

If you are applying to the **Washington, D.C.** office, email all materials to:
Rosevelie Márquez Morales, East Coast Diversity Director at rmarquezmorales@sidley.com

Email Subject: 2017 Sidley 1L Diversity Summer Mentorship Program

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**Please type or print.** (Verification of all information may be requested.)

**\*1. Contact information (current)**

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 Number & Street City State Zip Code

Above address valid until (please specify date):

Telephone (\_\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Cellular Phone (\_\_\_\_\_)

Email address (primary)

Email address (alternate)

 **2. Contact Information (2017 Summer Chicago, Dallas, Houston, Los Angeles, Palo Alto, San Francisco or Washington, D.C. area address, if known)**

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 Number & Street City State Zip Code

 **3. Anticipated Dates in the Chicago, Dallas, Houston, Los Angeles, Palo Alto, San Francisco or Washington, D.C. area (if known)**

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| Start Date |  |  |  |
| Departure Date |  |  |  |

 **4.** **Gender**

[ ]  Male [ ]  Female

 **5. Race (optional)**

[ ]  Hispanic/Latino [ ]  Nat. Hawaiian/Other Pacific [ ]  2 or More Races (please
 Islander specify) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

[ ]  White [ ]  Asian/Southeast Asian [ ]  Other (please specify)

[ ]  Black/African American [ ]  American Indian/Alaska Native \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**6. Do you identity as being LGBT? (optional)**

[ ]  Lesbian [ ]  Gay [ ]  Transgender [ ]  Bisexual

**7. Do you identify as having a disability? (optional)**

[ ]  Yes [ ]  No

**\*8. School Information**

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| Law School andGraduation Year |  |
| Graduate School andGraduation Year |  |
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| Undergraduate Institutionand Graduation Year |  |

**\*9. What are your practice area interests?**

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**\*10. Where in the Chicago, Dallas, Houston, Los Angeles, Palo Alto, San Francisco or Washington, D.C. area will you be working this summer?**

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**\*11. Please explain why diversity matters to you in your professional career. Your response may include a discussion of any initiatives that you have taken or in which you have participated to promote diversity.**

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**\*12. Briefly describe your overall career goals and why working at a law firm in the Chicago, Dallas, Houston, Los Angeles, Palo Alto, San Francisco or Washington, D.C. area might further those goals.**

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**\*13. In what ways would you benefit from participating in the Sidley 1L Diversity Summer Mentorship Program?**

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**\*14. By checking “Yes” below, I understand my application is not complete until I have sent in my application materials to the contacts in the different offices listed above by April 14, 2017.**

[ ]  Yes

**\*15. By checking “Yes” below, I understand and agree to the following:**

**Participants in the 1L Diversity Mentorship Program are not employees of the Firm. While the Firm is pleased to provide you information about this program, it is not a part of, or a requirement of, employment. Although the Firm encourages participants in the Sidley 1L Diversity Summer Mentorship Program to consider Sidley Austin LLP when applying for law firm employment, being a participant does not obligate one to apply for a summer clerkship or permanent position with any Sidley office, nor is Sidley obligated to interview or hire any program participant.**

**If you wish to participate in this program, you acknowledge and agree that your participation is purely voluntary and is entirely at your own risk, that the Firm shall have no obligation to permit you to participate in the program, and that the Firm shall not be liable in any way for any injuries or damages that you may incur in connection with this participation. The Firm may terminate the program at anytime in its sole discretion.**

[ ]  Yes

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